

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012***

Present: Selectmen: Tom Hayward, Michael Woodworth and John Gajewski. Others include: Chief Reed, Charolette Legg, John Hayden, and Clay Mitchell.

Call to order at 6:58 pm.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed:

- Checks
- Resid. In an Indust. Or Comm. Zone (202-16)
- Appointments
- Hawker's & Peddler's Permit

Chief Reed met with the Selectmen to discuss:

Grant applications to be filed:

- Speed Enforcement Grant: State pays for 90 hours. Times of enforcement would be Monday – Friday between 6 am & 9 am and 4 pm & 7pm during heavy traffic periods.
- D.W.I. Enforcement Grant: State pays for 90 hours. Times of enforcement would be Friday and Saturday or Holidays. There would be two officers on duty at these times.
- Alcohol Compliance Grant: This is a three town endeavor (Newfields and Stratham, Newmarket and/or Epping) in which stores would be observed that customers were checked for the proof, and education is provided for offenders.

Re-imbursement Quarterly Report will be filed for the completion of the Generator project.

Emergency Management Performance Grant will require the Town to hire a facilitator to manage the plan (\$4,500.00), 10 people from the Town (Chief Reed, Tom Conner, Brian Knipstein, Clay Mitchell, Jeff Buxton, Ray Buxton, Cathy Nelson, 1 Selectman & others) and a schedule of 5 meetings to establish a State Homeland Security Plan for the Town. The Town would need to equally match funds for in kind services, such as Emergency Management Stipends, Plan Research, Benefits and refreshments.

The Chief informed the Board of a minor cruiser accident which wouldn't need repair since the cruiser will be traded in at the end of the year.

Charlotte Legg, owner of the Newfields Country Store, met with the Board of Selectmen to propose “The Celebration of Summer” on Saturday, June 23rd or 24th from 5pm to 8 pm. She would like permission to close Main St. between Hilton & Swamscott streets, possibly having small craft stands, vendor booths, and bands with dancing. Charlotte also might consider a Beer Garden, but needs to solicit sponsors to compensate expenses, like the police detail.

The Selectmen will need the specifics of the celebration before an approval can be given. Charlotte will update the Board at the end of April.

A motion, to appoint Jack Steiner as Asst. Building Inspector, was made by Tom. The vote was Tom: aye, John: aye, Michael: no. The motion passed 2 to 1.

There were no discrepancies noted during the signing of the checks.

John Hayden informed the Board of his Motion to Intervene and Objection to Stay made with the Rockingham County Superior Court (Cedar Island Property Management, LLC v. Town of Newfields and T.O.N. Z.B.A.) on March 22, 2012. The Board acknowledges his request.

Clay Mitchell updated the Selectmen on the Code Enforcement Issue on Quinn Ct.. The progress will be documented in a letter to the Selectmen and then, forwarded to the parties involved.

An attorney needs to be retained by the Town to advise the Z.B.A. in the case of Cedar Island Ledge v. Town of Newfields and Town of Newfields Zoning Brd. Of Adjustments by next week. Tom will advise Board on the attorney.

A motion was made by John to nominate Tom as Chairman. The vote was John: aye, Michael: aye, Tom: aye. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Selectmen will be on the following committees:

- Michael – Planning Board and Welfare Officer
- Tom – Conservation & Nitrogen
- John – Lamprey Co-Op

Minutes of the March 6th meeting were read. Motion was made to accept as written by Michael, and seconded by Tom. All were in favor and the motion carried.

At 9:55 pm, John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Michael. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Newman
Deputy Town Clerk